

(NMSA), e-National Agriculture Market (e-NAM), Farmer Producer Organization (FPOs), New Model Agricultural produce and Livestock Marketing (Promotion and Facilitation) Act, 2017 and a Committee of the Government has been set up to frame policies for doubling the farmer's income by 2022.

Internet connectivity in e-NAM

25. SHRI MAHESH PODDAR: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the electronic National Agriculture Market (e-NAM) is not working well due to low internet connectivity;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps Government is taking to overcome this problem and to raise the number of online tradings?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE (SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT): (a) and (b) It is not true that National Agriculture Market (e-NAM) is not working well. As on 31st January, 2018, 471 mandis across 14 States and one Union Territory have been integrated with e-NAM. So far, 73.27 lakh farmers have been registered with e-NAM. Availability of the desired speed of internet connectivity in few mandis situated in remote areas is a challenge to carry out the transactions at a desired speed. However, already 1.52 crore MT of agriculture produce worth ₹ 36,217.00 crore have been traded on e-NAM portal so far.

(c) To address the challenges, State Governments have been advised to explore the possibilities of upgrading the internet connectivity with internet service providers.

Burning of crop residues

26. DR. VINAY P. SAHASRABUDDHE: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken any steps to curb and prevent burning of crop residues in the areas of Punjab and Haryana to prevent air contamination/pollution in the area of Delhi and NCR;

(b) if so, details thereof and if not, reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government is considering to provide technological innovations for crop residue disposal to the farmers, if so, details thereof;